

WASHINGTON (April 14) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) delivered the following remarks in support of the House Republican FY 2012 budget resolution (“The Path to Prosperity”) on the House floor today.

Update: The House passed the budget resolution on Friday afternoon (April 15); Congressman Bachus voted yes.

To view the statement of Congressman Bachus, [click here](#).

Imagine that you are on the bank of a river. It is deep in winter, a peaceful scene. You look out on the river and it is frozen. There is a deep current of cold water under the ice. But then, you see a small child walking out onto the ice. They don't fall and they walk further out. You begin to warn the child, but he walks further out. As we know, the ice gets thinner the further out we go. We are on that ice today as a country, every day taking one step further out. Tragically, the young child falls through the ice and is swept away.

That is what we are here to talk about. We are here to talk about the repeated warnings that we have received.

Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke told us that unless we act immediately in a long-term way, we will not have economic growth nor will we have financial stability.

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral Mullen told us that the greatest threat to our economy and to our national security is our debt.

The IMF yesterday – this is unthinkable – said of all the advanced countries in the world, our debt was growing the fastest. That it is unsustainable and would lead to instability here and across the world.

Imagine those pictures of countries where the children are in economic distress and where there is no stability. Those could be our children and our grandchildren.□□

With the warning today is a vote for our children and grandchildren. We've heard the warning and we're not children. Let us save our children and grandchildren from that fall through the ice.

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